

# Pennsylvania Students Up in Arms Because Their Voice Is Not Recognized

## Six Hundred and Fifty Students Voice Protest

Pennsylvania's Football Future Threatened When Majority of Athletic Association Asks Explanation of Personnel of Board.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—That the student body at the University of Pennsylvania is determined to have a voice in the athletics at that institution is attested by the following editorial which appeared in the *University of Pennsylvania*, the official organ of the university. It is printed without comment. It speaks for itself:

"Six hundred and fifty of the thousand athletic association members who voted their opinion in the election of directors are demanding an explanation of the constitution of the 1915 football committee.

"These men want to know why two men elected by overwhelming majorities did not find places in that body; why another man, overwhelmingly defeated, is now a member of that committee.

"The football committee, as announced, was a distinct surprise and disappointment to the two-thirds who had implicitly expressed the desire that Foreback and Mims be members thereof.

"The merger report that both declined nomination will not appease the majority who participated in the recent election. As a consequence of the action of the directors, unaccompanied by an adequate explanation, there is open dissatisfaction expressed on all sides.

"There is no doubt but that the football committee was carefully and thoughtfully selected. There is no doubt but that those who now feel that their

vote has been disregarded will in time be satisfied to the contrary, and will realize that the action taken was the right one. But, at any rate, the athletic association, by its lack of foresight, has antagonized the majority. Resulting from this antagonism is talk of openly denouncing the directors and refusing to rejoin the association in the fall.

"The men thus acting are thoroughly conscientious, but they have been left in the disquieting feeling that they have been openly flouted. They do not stop to consider whether or not their constitutional acts are ethical.

"The dissatisfaction growing out of the apparent failure of the board of directors to take into account graduate and undergraduate sentiment can be allayed by a statement from that body. In making such a suggestion the Pennsylvania is not advancing the cause of any one aspirant to the position of head coach. The request made is a rational one, and as the matter now stands about the campus, the officers of the association will be unwise in disregarding it.

"The greatest need of the University Athletic Association is the solid backing of its membership. It needs the support of all factions of every graduate and undergraduate.

"The head coach for next year, whether he be Dickson, Folwell, Bennett, or Hollenback, needs this support. It can only be obtained by the circumstantial action of the directors in giving all Pennsylvania men an explanation of the recent meeting."

### Railroad Y. M. C. A. Bowling Notes

Auditors, by winning the last eighteen games, are now comfortably entrenched in first place, and unless something unforeseen happens they will lead the first section by a good margin.

Undoubtedly the good work of Captain Rider, Fulk and Williams has materially helped in winning these eighteen straight games. Captain Rider and Williams have been rolling in exceptionally fine form the whole season, but it has only been in the last few sets that Fulk has shown anything like his true form. His last set of 31 shows that the old boy has finally struck his stride.

Captain Bland, of the High Level team, has certainly met with some tough reverses in the past few weeks. Up to that time his team had been in the lead since the beginning of the season. His first hard luck came about two weeks ago, when "Willie" Handy, his best bowler, was transferred to Wilmington, Del., thus derailing the High Level of one of the best bowlers in the league. Notwithstanding this misfortune he was further handicapped by the transfer of Jack Canty, another of his good bowlers. However, the High Level boys still have a mighty good team, and now that Minton has signed up with Captain Bland things should "break a little better for them. Allen, by recently bowling a 24 set, second highest mark of the season, pushed his average just the 96 mark.

Capt. I. E. Smith, of the Southern team, has his pin splitters on the allies several nights ago, with the result that High Level was defeated all three games. The Southern boys, while not very high up in the race, have a team that is hard to beat.

Southern's good work against High Level was largely due to the excellent work of Campbell and Stanley, the former getting 43 for the evening, which established a new high set mark for the year. Campbell, with an average of 93.3 pins, is the leading man of the league.

With an even break of luck, Captain White's Electricians may yet prove to

be a troublesome bunch of pin voters. They are now a close second, being just a few points behind the High Level team. The good bowling of Miller has gone a long way in keeping the "C" boys in the race. Miller's average of 93.3 pins puts him at the head of his team. White, McCauley, Brown, Campbell, and Walton have all been getting good games.

Coach Yard has had a great deal of trouble, and has had some tough breaks this season. But now that Fisher has taken over the captaincy of that team several new faces will appear in their line-up, and the future looks pretty bright for these boys.

With the signing of H. and P. Lawrence, Captain Pavette's General Office team is sure to cause a lot of trouble for the other teams. Both of these men are good bowlers, and with an even break of luck they will make the boys in this league hustle for high honors.

### Gotch's Popularity Causes Him Trouble

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Frank Gotch is on the war path. The retired heavyweight champion of wrestlers has found he is entirely too popular. Here's the way the trouble started.

Recently an attempt was made to charm Gotch back into the ring. Opponents were being dug up for him and the big lowman received considerable publicity.

One kind-hearted sporting editor who always had a keen admiration for Gotch, gave him a big spread in his paper. He wrote a lengthy story about Gotch, and the result was that he had accumulated on the mat. He described broad acres near Humboldt now occupied by the retired champ. The live stock and buildings of town did not suffer any in the description.

Along with this article the editor ran layout of photographs. They showed the rolling corn land, the immense silos, and a view of Gotch snipped in working clothes. Inside of a few days Gotch's mail began to increase. He received bunches and bunches of letters, and was asked to purchase the latest improved farm machinery, live stock, food, and steel fences. Followed letters kept pouring in upon him telling of the beauty of So-and-so's patent cement mixers, of indestructible roofs, and classy night-living rods.

## GALLAUDET TO MEET C. U. FIVE TOMORROW

Crippled Team Engages Brooklanders on Floor in First Local College Battle.

After a delay of a week Catholic University opens its schedule tomorrow in meeting Gallaudet College. The Brooklanders were disappointed last Saturday in being forced to call off the battle with the Mt. St. Joseph's five, but will be ready for the Buff and Blue players tomorrow afternoon.

Coach Rice has put his charges through several practice games during the week. Western, Business, and Y. M. C. A. basketballs were taken on in succession, and C. U. players believe they have smoothed out the rough spots in the play. Coach Rice will probably play Lynch and Caffery, forwards; Gallaudet at center, and Carwright and Keegan in the guard positions.

Gallaudet will be weakened by the absence of Rockwell, Chason, Kooley, and Schowe. These players were declared ineligible to compete for Gallaudet until after January 1, on account of scholarship conditions. The team will be considerably crippled as a result of the faculty action.

Rockwell and Keegan are two of the strongest players in this section of the country, and their absence will be a great loss to the team.

Dan Keegan, captain of the Catholic University team, has been out of the line-up for a week with a sore knee. Keegan is expected to put the necessary pep in the C. U. team and will probably break into the lineup tomorrow.

James Colliflower may be appointed coach of the Navy team this winter if present plans carry out.

Colliflower has been in consultation with the Navy authorities. The Navy is also after Mike Martin, of the National team, who Scotty McMasser's job as coach.

## MINCE PIE.

A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING. By "Bug" Baer.

Even Willie Hoppe meets with reverses. A piano mover turned the tables on him the other day.

In a broken field Barrett, of Cornell, is almost as evasive as an Austrian note.

Boxing Notes. CONGRESS IS STILL IN SESSION.

Tough Part. There is money in baseball.

There is without a doubt. There's also money in the mint.

But the job's to get it out.

After seeing Freddy Welsh perform for ten rounds, we can't see why he wasn't invited to sail on that peace boat.

No doubt some philanthropic baseball magnate will let all the poor kids in his baseball park free of charge this Christmas.

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There was one thing in which Ty Cobb didn't lead his fellow leaguers. That was toward the cuts.

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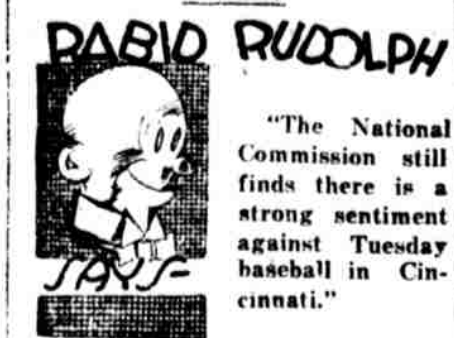
first the queries were very easy, and I could do most of them standing on my head. But lately they have become queerer and queerer. The climax came yesterday, when an escaped squirrel's dinner phoned in and wanted to know which blade of an electric fan stopped first. Just as soon as an alienist from the Portland cement company makes repairs, we will again try to demonstrate to the public what is lacking between our ears.

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## "JUMPERS SHOULD BE RESTORED," FULTZ

Head of Players' Fraternity Also Expects All Contracts to Be Respected.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—David L. Fultz, president of the Baseball Players' Fraternity, issued the following statement yesterday afternoon:

"Should the peace negotiations now reported to be taking place between organized ball and the Federal League prove successful, there will, of course, be a provision restoring all players who have gone to the Feds to their original status in organized baseball. Any other settlement would be grossly illogical and unfair to the players.

"Provision will doubtless also be made for carrying out the long-term contracts signed by players with both organized baseball and the Federal League. No declaration of peace by the magnates can in any way affect the validity of these contracts. All adjustments should be made subject to these obligations. Otherwise magnates who buy interests in clubs may find later that they have assumed obligations of which they were unaware at the time of the transaction.

"There are also players both in organized baseball and the Federal League who have not yet received their entire

salaries for 1915. These obligations, too, should be taken into consideration in any adjustment.

"Should peace be declared it would result in automatically restoring to full membership in the Baseball Players' Fraternity all Federal League players who were members before going to the Federal League.

"While the fraternity is not obligated by its by-laws to protect players' contracts made when they were not active members of the organization, yet it will be glad to use its best endeavors to see that the legal rights of the Federal League players, as well as those of the organized ball player, are respected."

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